(b) the price of the natural rubber produced in the country; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the floor price of natural rubber produced in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) STC was authorised to import 30,000 MTs of natural rubber upto June, 1989. Out of this 27005 MTs have been imported so far.

The release price during April-June 1989 was Rs. 23,573 PMT ex-godown Madras and from 10th July, 1989 the same is Rs. 27,400 PMT ex-godown, Madras.

(b) The prevailing price of RMA-4 grade of rubber in the Kottayam market is Rs. 25,000 per tonne as on 20th July, 1989.

(c) In view of the present level of prices which are sufficiently remunerative, Govt. does not consider it necessary to fix any floor price.

**Payment of subsidy to coffee cultivators**

1017. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outstanding amount of coffee subsidy to be paid to the cultivators; and

(b) by when this amount is likely to be paid to the cultivators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and

(b) The claims of Rs. 12.78 lakhs for payment of subsidies are pending with the Coffee Board. The claims will be settled after the spot inspection of the areas concerned is completed.

**Pending applications of freedom fighters from Kerala**

1018. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of applications from the freedom fighters of Kerala are pending in his Ministry for grant of pension;

(b) if so, what is the number of applications pending as on 30th June, 1989; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to finalise these cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No timely application is pending from the freedom fighters of Kerala in this Ministry for grant of pension

(b) and (c) As on 30th June, 1989 one case received hroutgh the Government of Kerala in December, 1985 was pending for want of certain clarifications from them. Clarifications have been received from the Government of Kerala and pension has since been sanctioned to the applicant.

**Steps to protect ozone layer**

1019. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is a party to the Vienna Convention and the Motreal Protocol for Commonwealth countries to protect the ozone layer; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to protect ozone layer, which is being destroyed by various modern scientific processes?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Depletion of the ozone layer is a global problem, calling for international efforts The steps to be taken in India as a part of the international efforts are under the consideration of Government.

**Setting up of a committee to study the ecological balance**

1020. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some 80 countries have agreed to stop up the fight to save earth's disappearing ozone layer as reported in the Indian Express of the 4th May, 1989;

(b) what specific steps have been taken by Government to phase out chloro-flouro carbons which are responsible for climatic changes; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a Committee to study the danger caused by chemicals which are destroying the ecological balance?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The consumption of chlorofluorocarbons in India is marginal as compared to developed countries. Phasing out of these substances in this country is not called for at present considering the status of new technologies and the cost to the economy of switching over to substitutes.

(c) An Expert Advisory Committee has already been constituted by Government of India to advise on global environmental issues.

**शाहदरा के सीलमपुर थाने में प्राप्त शिकायतें**

1021. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान दिल्ली स्थित शाहदरा के सीलमपुर थाने में स्थानीय मकान मालिकों द्वारा अपने किरायेदारों को बेदखल करने तथा उनके साथ दुर्व्यवहार करने की घटनाओं से संबंधित कितनी शिकायतें मिली हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इन सभी शिकायतों को सम्बद्ध थाना प्रभारी द्वारा दर्ज नहीं किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस मामले में गुप्त जांच कराने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

**कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) :** (क) 960

(ख) जी नहीं, श्रीमान, । शिकायतें प्रारम्भ में थाने की दैनिक डायरी में दर्ज की जाती हैं । पूछ-ताछ करने पर यदि अपराध बनता है तो प्रथम सूचना रिपोर्ट दर्ज की जाती है और जांच-पड़ताल शुरू की जाती है ।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Prime Minister's remarks on law and order situation in Andhra Pradesh**

1022. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister, during his visit to